the agricultural production even in drought prone areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the resources already provided to the states under various Central|Centrally sponsored schemes| programmes it has been recommended by the "task force" constituted for the purpose to provide additional funds to the extent of Rs. 368.30 crores in 169 identified districts, in 14 states, to reach targetted food grain production in potential areas.

Pricing policy for fertiliser

2525. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: 'ill the Minister of AGRICULTURE 'leased to state:

whether it is a fact that the ferti- 'ndustry has requested Government ntinue with the present pricing sys- ; and

(b) whether Government have propos- dual pricing policy for fertilizers and so, the sectors which are likely to be covered by the dual pricing policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Land earmarked for group housing societies in Papan Kalan

2526. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 5000 hectares of land in South-West Delhi has been earmarked by the Delhi Development Authority for Papan Kalan, the proposed Modern Colony, to be constructed by Group Housing Societies; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan for all-round development of Delhi by 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) An area of 3,550 hectares under the Papan Kalan project has been declared as the development area. There is a proposal to extend this area by adding another 2,098 hectares. It is proposed to utilise this area in an integrated way for residential commercial public and semi-public facilities and circulation. A sizeable proporion of the land is envisaged to be allotted to the Co-operative Group Housing Societies.

Stratgy to Boost Agricultural Production

2527. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an overall strategy plan is being framed by the Ministry of Agriculture, to boost agricultural production and Government propose to instal 10 lakh tubewells in one year in dry lands; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan covering the whole country, Statewise, and the measures proposed to be taken to give a new thrust to agriculture and relief to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the number of shallow tubewells and dug wells proposed to be installed per year are 6 lakhs in the potential district for crop production besides 10 lakh being proposed under "Jeevan Dhara Scheme during the Seventh Plan.

(b) A six pronged strategy has been suggested for increasing foodgrain production. The components are:

1. Increased fertiliser use by 20 Kilograms of nutrients per hectare (Kg./ha).

2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water through tubewells, completing on-farm development works in command areas and completing the near completion irrigation projects and efficient use of the stored water.

4. Better Management of weeds and timely control of pests and diseases.

5. Bonus|incentive for production|procurement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow of short term and long term credit.

The programme would be taken up in 169 districts in 14 States. The States proposed to be covered are:—

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Karnataka
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Maharashtra
9. Orissa
10. Punjab
11. Rajasthan
12. Tamil Nadu
13. Uttar Pradesh
14. West Bengal.

In all 106 districts would be taken up with rice, 72 for wheat, 28 each for maize and gram and 20 for arhar.

High Power body to boost Agricultural production

2528. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the Centre have set up a high power Body to work out an action plan to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided for achieving the target by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme would be taken up in 169 districts in 14 States. In all 106 districts will be covered under rice, 72 under wheat, 28 each for maize and gram and 20 for Arhar. Six pronged strategy has been suggested for increasing foodgrain production. The components are:

1. Increased fertiliser use by 20 kgs of nutrients per ha. (kg./ha)

2. Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

3. Harnessing ground water throu tubewells, completing on-farm deve ment works in command areas and c pleting the near completion irrigation jects and efficient use of the stored w

4. Better management of weeds

5. Bonus|incentive for production|pro curement of foodgrains.

6. Increased flow of short term and long term credit.

(c) It has been recommended by the task force constituted for the purpose to provide additional funds to the extent of Rs. 368.30 crores for various components.

Task Force set up for action Plan on Agricultural Production

2529. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Task Force set up by the Prime Minister for Action Plan on Agricultural Production have finalised preliminary reports and if so, whether this would be made public in order to generate open fruitful discussion as has been published